

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I would like to respond to the distinguished Democratic leader. I think that is a reasonable request.

He is right. I have been on the job as majority leader for a little more than 24 hours, and there are a lot of issues that we are working together on. We are making some progress on those. We will continue to work on the health care reform, and we have not been able to get the budget resolution passed so we can move on to the appropriations calendar.

This is an issue that I had done some work on as the whip, just trying to get an agreement on some other issues, including the missile defense issue. I had never really discussed it, in terms of its relationship to the DOD authorization bill. I know that there are a couple of Senators who have some concerns about it. I have not had a chance to sit down and be briefed with them.

I have a meeting of our committee chairmen scheduled for early next week, Tuesday. I would like to ask the chairman of the committee exactly what his situation is on this legislation. It is obviously very important. The chemical weapons convention is something that we are all concerned about. I think it should be given proper consideration. I hate to use the words reasonable time, because that is what the leader did use in his response to your question at that time, and I believe it was reported out of committee on April 30.

It is not my intention to withhold this convention, but I do want to understand what the problems are, how much time we would be talking about in bringing it up. As the Senator knows, we have a limited number of days in which to do a lot of important work. But I will say this, I am going to talk to those Senators, hopefully tomorrow if they are here, but certainly

early next week. And I will get back to the Democratic leader and we will talk about how we can work out an agreement on this issue.

I cannot make a commitment on a date certain at this time because I do not know what the situation is. If you will give me the benefit of a few days, I will try to give a more responsive answer at that time.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, under the circumstances think that is an appropriate answer and I appreciate the majority leader's willingness to work with us in finding a mutually acceptable time.

With that, I have no objection.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. LOTT. I thank very much the distinguished Democratic leader.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 1996

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I further ask the Senate stand in recess between the hours of 12:30 p.m. and 2:15 p.m. on Tuesday in order for the weekly party caucuses to meet.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. LOTT. I further ask when the Senate reconvenes at 2:15 on Tuesday, the majority leader be recognized.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 1996

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I now ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today it stand in adjournment until the hour of 9:30 a.m. on Friday, June 14; further, that immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be deemed approved to date, that no resolutions come over under the rule, the call of the calendar be dispensed with, the

morning hour be deemed to have expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day and that there then be a period for morning business until the hour of 12 noon, with Senators to speak for up to 5 minutes each with the following exceptions: Senator COVERDELL or his designee to have up to 90 minutes under his control, from 9:30 to 11; Senator BINGAMAN, 15 minutes; Senator MURKOWSKI, 15 minutes; Senator KEMPTHORNE for 10 minutes; Senator DASCHLE or his designee, 20 minutes.

I further ask unanimous consent that at 12 noon the Senate resume executive session and the consideration of the nomination of Alan Greenspan.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. LOTT. For the information of all Senators, tomorrow, following the period for morning business, the Senate will resume debate on the Greenspan nomination. No rollcall votes will occur during Friday's session of the Senate, and the Senate may consider any other executive or legislative items that can be cleared for action.

Also, it is, I believe, after discussion with the Democratic leader, our intent that there not be a session on Monday.

Then we will go in, I believe, at 9:30 on Tuesday, for the action under the agreement just reached.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. LOTT. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:28 p.m., adjourned until Friday, June 14, 1996, at 9:30 a.m.